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**Sent:** Thursday, December 05, 2013 1:11 PM  
**To:** Zito, Kelly  
**Cc:** Yogi, David  
**Subject:** (Rosemont) Sen. John McCain Staff Follow Up Inquiry on Rosemont Copper Mine Project

**Categories:** EPA

I wanted to check in to follow up on Nick Matiella's follow up inquiry on Rosemont. Would you like for me to reach out to Jason Brush in our Wetland's office?

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**From:** Matiella, Nick (McCain) <Nick\_Matiella@mccain.senate.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: EPA Follow Up Information on Rosemont Copper Mine Project

Thanks Brent. On November 23, it was reported in the Arizona press that EPA has determined that Rosemont's proposed 404 mitigation activities would be insufficient. What's the next step for Rosemont if they want to rebut or provide additional information to EPA and USACE? Can you lay out the timing for how this would work?

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Nick -

As a follow up to your recent inquiry regarding Rosemont Mine, please find some information and links that you may find of interest.

**Rosemont Copper Mine Project – December 3, 2013**

The Rosemont Copper Mine Project is a proposed copper mine operation on approximately 4,750 acres predominantly on Coronado National Forest lands southeast of Tucson, Arizona.

The United States Forest Service is the lead federal agency for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In February 2012, EPA rated the Draft EIS “EU-3 – Environmentally Unsatisfactory-Inadequate Information.”

The Forest Service posted their Final EIS on the Rosemont project website on November 29, 2013.

<http://www.rosemonteis.us/final-eis>

For more information about the NEPA review process, a database of environmental impact statements prepared by federal agencies and EPA’s comments concerning the EISs, see this link:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>

The project will also require a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Please see these links for further information regarding EPA and USACE roles in the 404 permit process.

<http://water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/outreach/upload/404q.pdf>

<http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/guidance/wetlands/dispmoa.cfm>

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Regards,

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